

# No Outdoor Repair

*Although Fort Worth is fortunate to have nice weather nearly year-round and the temptation to do some repair work outside may be strong at times, just remember that it is against city code to do so.*

## REQUIREMENTS...

- **ALL** repair work must be done in an enclosed building.
- Under the law, even replacement and removal activities are considered repairs and are prohibited outside. This includes tire changing/repair, battery replacement and any other repair or service.

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# Know Your Codes Be a Good Neighbor



**Auto Repair Shop  
Guidelines  
In the City of Fort Worth**



# Things To Know

*All businesses within the city have regulations they must abide by. The following regulations apply specifically to the automotive repair & service industries.*

## **PER CITY CODE...**

- **ALL** repair work must be done indoors. No work can be done outside in the open air.
- Auto shops cannot have bay doors facing a one or two-family residential district.
- Driveways and parking spaces must be hard-surfaced and dust free, except in instances where the street is unpaved.
- No vehicle kept for repairs can be stored for more than 60 days from the date the vehicle is accepted for repair. The 60-day time limit may be extended to a total of 180 days from the date the vehicle is accepted for repair, if the process to obtain a lien on the vehicle has begun.



# Auto Intake/Storage

*If you accept vehicles that are NOT repaired the same day or must be stored overnight or longer, then you must:*

- Have no more than two vehicles stored per bay or work station after regular business hours. Any other vehicles must be parked indoors or behind a 6-foot solid screening fence.
- Hide all vehicles from view by either storing them inside a building, or behind a 6-foot solid screening fence if your shop is within 200 feet of residentially zoned area. The screening fence must run along all property lines facing the residential property
- All wrecked or dismantled vehicles must be stored in an enclosed building or completely enclosed behind a minimum 6-foot solid screening fence, no matter how close you are to a residentially zoned area



# Exterior Storage

*Businesses **can not** store or display any merchandise in the open or on the outside of their building. That includes:*

- Displays or racks of rims, mags or wheels
- Displays or stacks of tires
- Automotive parts (transmissions, engines, mufflers, etc.)
- Automotive accessories (toolboxes, bedliners, bedcovers, etc.)
- Related auto accessories (jack stands, polishes, waxes, floorjacks, etc.)



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